

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
AND
THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

Recognizing the desirability of the global use of international standards;

Being committed to ensuring their national standards facilitate international trade, and pledging to facilitate cooperation between BIS and ANSI.

Hereby endorse the following articles of this MOU concerning matters covering standardization, conformity assessment and the mutual exchange of information and publications between the respective organizations.

Article 1

BIS and ANSI agree to:

- (1) exchange views on the activity and operations and program of work of various international and regional standardization and conformity assessment organizations, including but not limited to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC);
- (2) share each other's views and where feasible, work to develop mutually supportive positions relating to the role of those organizations to their respective members.
- (3) Exchange information regarding the system of accreditation of bodies involved in standardization and conformity assessment.

Article 2

BIS and ANSI agree to:

- (1) facilitate dialogue among Indian and US experts in various areas of standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance as determined by special arrangements between the parties;
- (2) encourage standards organizations in their countries to identify their counterpart groups for the purpose of establishing bilateral relationships, including mutual exchange of information and materials, trade shows/exhibits to stimulate industry-to-industry cooperation as a building block to international standardization and free trade;
- (3) arrange exchange of visits of the senior management of BIS and ANSI; and
- (4) explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops technical symposia on standardization and conformity assessment subjects of mutual interest.

Article 3

BIS and ANSI agree to exchange, using all appropriate media:

- (1) their current catalogues to their national standards and procedures published by the respective organizations;
- (2) general information and publications on conformity assessment published by the respective organizations;
- (3) general materials for training courses on standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance developed and published by the respective organizations; and
- (4) periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations. Further to this item, BIS is given ANSI's permission to translate and reprint free article in any and editions of the ANSI Reporter.

Article 4

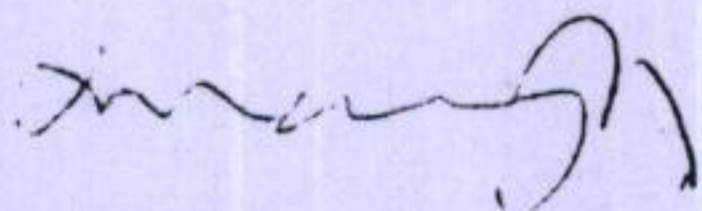
Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultations between BIS and ANSI or such other means as they may mutually decide.

Article 5

- (1) This MOU may be amended by a written protocol or an exchange of notes of both Parties.
- (2) Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing the other Party with a written notice at least six months in advance.
- (3) Provisions of this MOU upon the expiry of its validity shall remain in force in relation to the projects being at the stage of their implementation.

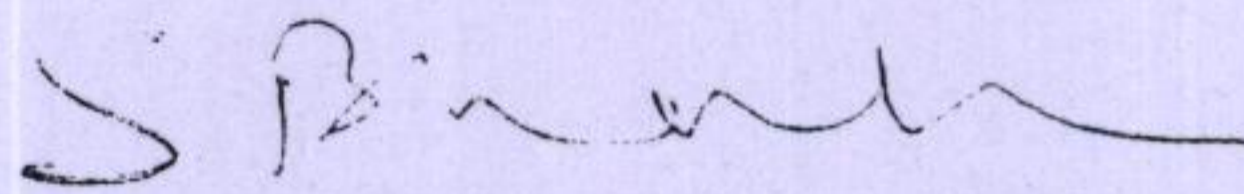
Signed in Ottawa on the 13th day of September, 2006, in duplicate in the English language.

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